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Applicant filed Pre-Appeal in 11/15/2009 has been considered. The claims 16-20, 22-24, 29-33 and 35-36 are rejected under 103, same as Final Office sent out 09/15/09 and proceed to the Board Appeals and Interferences. Examiner also cites an pertinent art Fish (US 5,006,291) discloses the limitation: "a first helical member interwoven with a second helical member forming a plurality of crossover points and a plurality of axial members disposed between the first helical member and the second helical member at each of the plurality of crossover points".

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